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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Scattered showers were received around the state last week. Areas of the Upper Coast and the Trans-Pecos saw the greatest amount of precipitation, with some areas recording as much as 8 to 10 inches. The High Plains, Southeast Texas, and the Upper Coast experienced between 2 to 4 inches of rainfall. Portions of the Cross Timbers and the Coastal Bend received little or no precipitation.

Small Grains: Field preparations for small grains were underway in many areas following much-needed rain showers. In South Texas, tillage work occurred in preparation for winter oats.

Crop Progress

	Percent of Acreage						
Stage	Current	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average			
Corn							
Dough	100	96	89	91			
Dented	74	70	68	77			
Mature	65	57	56	64			
Harvested	56	47	49	53			
Cotton							
Setting Bolls	95	92	86	92			
Bolls Opening	22	17	16	22			
Harvested	6	4	2	7			
Rice							
Harvested	82	70	69	72			
Sorghum							
Headed	94	88	95	93			
Coloring	78	76	74	78			
Mature	74	68	64	71			
Harvested	47	46	48	58			
Soybeans							
Setting Pods	88	80	91	88			
Dropping Leaves	43	39	46	50			
Harvested	17	10	14	20			
Sunflowers							
Harvested	22	20	38	26			

Row Crops: Corn was tasseling in areas of the Northern High Plains and harvest neared completion in the Blacklands. Recent rainfall delayed corn and sorghum harvest in areas of South Central Texas and the Blacklands. In the Southern Low Plains, sorghum harvest continued. Peanut conditions were rated 76 percent fair to good across the state. Soybean harvest was up 3 points from the previous year but down 3 from normal. Rice harvest neared completion in areas of South Central Texas, while producers in the Upper Coast experienced delays due to scattered showers. In the High Plains, dry land cotton conditions were aided by rainfall and cooler temperatures. Cotton harvest was slowed in areas of the Coastal Bend and the Upper Coast. Cotton harvest continued in the southern part of the state.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In the Lower Valley, preparation for fall vegetable planting resumed. Pecan nut development progressed in South Texas.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Livestock were in good condition throughout most of the state, and supplemental feeding continued in areas of the Lower Valley. Forage production progressed in areas of the Blacklands and stock tanks in areas of the Edwards Plateau were still full. Range and pasture improved in the Southern Low Plains, South Texas, and the Edwards Plateau due to recent rainfall.

Crop Condition

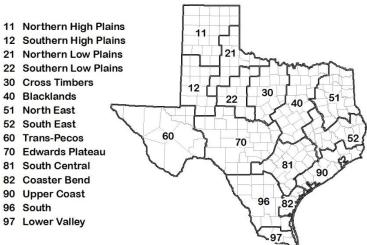
Crop		Р	Index ¹				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Corn	11	45	31	11	2	74	75
Cotton	7	33	39	16	5	65	68
Peanuts	16	41	35	7	1	77	80
Rice	13	55	25	4	3	80	75
Sorghum	16	41	34	7	2	77	80
Soybeans	6	38	49	5	2	72	64
Range and Pasture	12	41	33	10	4		

The formula for the condition index is I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100 where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

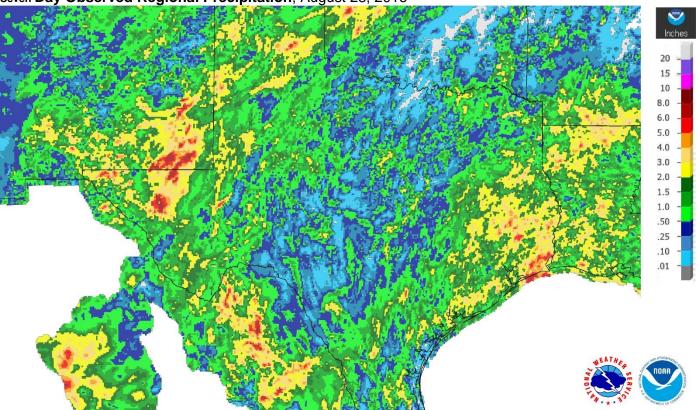
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable
District	Percentage of Acreage				for				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Fieldwork
11	20	30	48	2	20	36	43	1	5.1
12	5	34	57	4	4	43	51	2	5.7
21	4	42	48	6	4	32	61	3	4.9
22	13	30	51	6	16	45	33	6	4.9
30	10	20	67	3	10	32	58	0	5.6
40	1	9	71	19	0	7	73	20	3.9
51	2	13	68	17	4	9	72	15	5.1
52	1	6	60	33	2	5	67	26	5.3
60	19	12	68	1	21	14	65	0	6.4
70	9	18	59	14	9	12	69	10	5.5
81	1	7	70	22	1	8	73	18	4.2
82	19	32	47	2	5	42	51	2	4.4
90	1	1	38	60	2	4	52	42	2.4
96	0	4	95	1	1	9	90	0	5.4
97	26	64	10	0	26	63	11	0	7.0
State	9	24	56	11	9	28	55	8	5.0

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seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 28, 2016



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor, Valid August 23, 2016

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Сиггепт	85.07	14.93	3.91	0.74	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/16/2016	71.24	28.76	5.31	0.63	0.00	0.00
3 Month's Ago 524/2016	97.30	2.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago 825/2015	59.34	40.66	23.52	6.37	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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